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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WAAHDC 1653

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMCONSUL LUANDA

UNCLAS PRETORIA 1219

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, SF, AO

SUBJ: SMALL ARMS FIRE HITS SAA PLANE AT LUANDA

1. SA PRESS CARRIES BANNER HEADLINES OF SMALL ARMS FIRE USING TRACERS HITTING SAA747 WHILE LANDING AT LUANDA AT 1148 PM APRIL 7 TO FUEL ENROUTE LONDON. AS RESULT DEPRESSURIZATION PLANE RETURNED TO JOHANNESBURG AT LOW ALTITUDE WHERE PASSENGERS PUT ABOARD SUBSTITUTE AIRCRAFT TO CONTINUE FLIGHT.

2. SAA HAS ANNOUNCED IT WOULD SUBSTITUTE WINDHOEK FOR LUANDA UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIES. PRESS SPECULATES SAA WAS ATTACKED BY MISTAKE WITH REAL TARGET BEING TAP FLIGHT FROM LISBON REPORTEDLY CARRYING MPLA LEADER NETO DUE AT ALMOST SAME TIME.

3. ACCORDING PRESS ONE TIRE (OF 16) BURST BY FIRE AND FIVE BULLET HOLES IN FUSELAGE. PASSENGERS TOTALLED 287 BUT MOST WERE UNAWARE OF EPISODE. NONE INJURED.
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